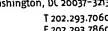
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Re:

Application of Takashi HAMA

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION

Our Ref. Q76035

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-nine (39) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and eight (8) sheets of drawings. The Requisite Government Filing Fee, Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

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